

Berlin, Georgia Edition, Won, Lost By Lucky Units

BY FORT RALPH ROGERS

There's a tiny burg in the heart of Georgia that changes hands more often than a diamond ring in Hollywood.

The hamlet, dubbed "Little Berlin," a mock village that provides adequate training for "Combat In Cities" training, an important phase of the Seventh Armored Division's current range program.

Dozens of times each little village is "taken" and "taken" by units of the "Lucky Seventh." When attacks it is returned to the "enemy" which sets up well camouflaged booby traps in preparation for the next assault.

The巧妙的 booby traps, combined with bobbing snipers in second-story windows, tend to give the defended position (simulated) a realistic touch. Barbed wire entanglements, shell

holes in the streets and trenches and worn fences surrounding the village serve to hamper the advance of attacking forces.

Upon reaching the first row of buildings, the attacking units clean out each house in turn as they advance down the main thoroughfare. Smooth team-work is essential in routing the "defenders."

The village, constructed by the 32d Engineers, is called "Brand," is a artificial small town. It features one street and a public square on which are located a church, hotel, barber shop, beer hall, and several other establishments.

Practically every unit in the Seventh Armored Division is "Brand" training. The units are broken down into platoons for attacks on the village, with each member of a platoon being armed with his individual weapon.

Battle Separated Brothers Reunited In Infantry School

Eighteen months ago in the steaming jungle of New Guinea, Staff Sergeant Gilbert A. Demers, hopped the damp ground beside a twisting trail. It was hot as all blazes and the Japs had been too close for comfort for quite some time.

Just across the trail, about five feet away lay another soldier. This other man, be-dimed with sweat and sweat, was Gilbert's brother, Captain William G. Demers. Brother Bill had the weight of responsibility that goes with a heavy company upon his shoulders.

"D" Company was the "Old Man's" personal light artillery. The Company Commander just had to go along with the boys. He would never score if he didn't.

That was the picture on December 5, 1942—two brothers in the same battalion fighting the same bloody battle for the love of that country they had long since left.

This was the last time Sergeant Demers saw his brother, Captain William G. Demers. And last week he finally caught up with him in the 5th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, where he is taking an Officers Advanced Course at The Infantry School.

It was a happy reunion. Captain Demers learned that the Sergeant had been granted leave of absence on one occasion but not serious enough to require evacuation. Sef.

Demers continued to serve through the entire Buna campaign and was finally brought down with malaria. His illness resulted in his being shipped out of the combat zone and back to the States.

When Sergeant Gilbert Demers left the islands he did not leave the Demers family entirely unrepresented in the South Pacific. Another fighting Demers is still in New Guinea, Staff Sergeant Fred Demers, who is with the same battalion and was fighting in another sector when the above incident took place.

The Demers boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Demers, 1012 South Main Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

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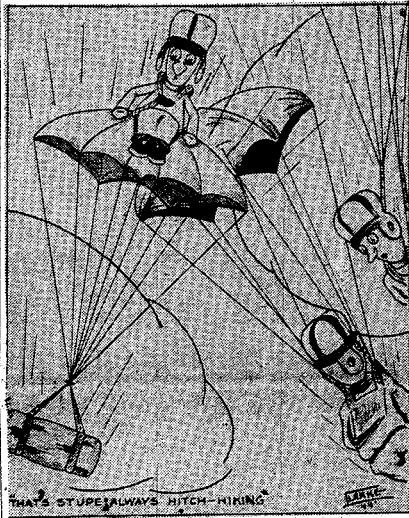
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"DOUGHBOYS ROUT 'ENEMY'—Infantrymen of the 7th Armored Division are shown above cleaning out enemy-held village during "combat in cities" training. Riflemen in foreground, covered by buddies in rear, is about to toss hand grenade through window of establishment believed housing enemy snipers. (Official U. S. Army Photo, 7th A. D.)



Free Land Available For Servicemen After War

Every soldier, sailor and marine with pioneer spirit . . . and in some cases, not much of that is necessary . . . who is willing to live on a tract of land for a year after he completes his term of service may consider the land as good as a bank account.

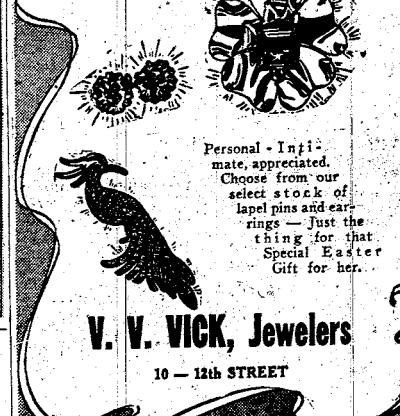
SEE FOR THE BRAVE, an article by Eugene Swan, Jr., which appears in the April issue of ESQUIRE magazine. More than 50 million acres of land in 25 states and another 323 acres in Alaska are available to claim, with the liberal willingness to comply with the liberal provisions of the Homestead Act.

Servicemen and women stand to profit most from this seldom-mentioned government policy because their service with the armed forces automatically dispenses them from two of the three years residence requirement of the act. But any American citizen, 21 years of age or the head of a family may file a claim with the United States Commissioner for up to 160 acres of land, and may expect to own it, lock, stock and barrel, after three years of residence on it.

25 STATES—In some 25 land in any of the twenty-five states for homesteading, it is necessary to have the government classify the tract you select as "unreserved and unappropriated." This is a result of the conservation program of 1934-5 when all land in the States was withdrawn for classification.

In Alaska, however, so much of the land is unreserved that it is necessary actually to mark out the boundaries of your claim, says ESQUIRE. If you pick your land in Alaska, you'll follow a pattern similar

Brilliant Ideas In Easter Jewelry



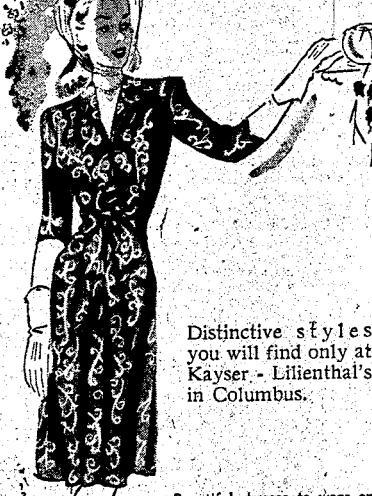
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America went to war in 1941 and was commissioned a captain in the Ordnance Branch in July 1942. He came to Fort Benning in June 1943, and was commissioned a major last month.

An expert shot with both rifle and pistol, he has graduated twice from the Army Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kan. He also is an expert ball player, having played Army baseball and basketball for more than 20 years. He plans on going into war work on his return.

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"Everyone knows the Nazi record on religion. Both at home and abroad Hitler and his followers have waged a ruthless war against the churches of all faiths. Now the German army has used the holy city of Rome as a military center. No one could have been surprised by this—it is only the latest of Hitler's many affronts to religion. It is a logical step in the Nazi policy of total war—a policy which treats nothing as sacred. We on our side have made freedom of religion one of the principles for which we are fighting this war. We have tried scrupulously—often at considerable sacrifice—to spare religious and cultural monuments, and we shall continue to do so."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Non-Coms' Swearing Becomes Offensive

The other day there arrived at Fort Head-quarters an anonymous postal card from Detroit, Mich., addressed to the Commanding Officer in which the good lady voiced a protest against the use of profanity by her husband's non-coms. THE BAYONET ordinarily pays no attention to anonymous correspondence, but we make an exception in this particular case because the postal certainly has its point.

"My husband," the card reads "is in your camp and writes that the corporals and sergeants swear at him every time they give an order. Now, why is that necessary, pray tell? We have been married 15 yrs. and have children and in all those years we never swore around the house. He resents it and I don't blame him. He feels more like fighting the men who swear at him than the Nazis and Japs."

Now the lady may be exaggerating a bit perhaps; at any rate we sincerely hope she is. We are inclined to believe that the non-coms she mentions have erroneously been imbued with the idea that swearing adds emphasis to an order and they probably play no favorites in aiming profanity.

Yet there is no necessity of using profanity either in the Army or anywhere else. Recently General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a word of caution to our fighting men in Europe warning them against use of profanity, especially in public.

Moreover, General George Washington in a general order published in July 1776 in New York, had this to say about the subject:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impurity and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

So there you have it! Two great leaders, past and present, of our Armies censure the use of profanity. Let those addicted to its use consider these opinions and determine whether "cussin'" serves any great purpose.

Bayonet's Founder Leaves Fort Benning

Early this week, members of THE BAYONET staff regrettably bade farewell to the officer who fathered the idea of establishing the all-post newspaper as a medium of drawing closer together widely scattered elements of this immense reservations by carrying news and notices of mutual or special interest to officers and men, their families, and civilians alike.

He is Major Russell Hammargren who has been assigned to another and important task elsewhere after having served for more than two years as post public relations officer at Fort Benning. Immediately upon his assignment here, Major (then 1st Lieutenant) Hammargren, who had just completed a three-month course as an Infantry School student officer, began to press for the realization of a need which he spotted no sooner than he had arrived—a post newspaper. That dream reached fruition the following September, 1942.

A practical newspaperman of long experience and a professor of journalism on leave of absence, Major Hammargren was equipped to give wise counsel in the formulating of editorial policy and in solving knotty problems arising from time to time.

The Major taught us much of value which we shall long remember. He will always occupy a special place in our mental album of unforgettable characters, and wherever Army orders may send him in the trying days to come, we want him to know that he carries with him our very best wishes for continued success and good luck. Hail and farewell!

Coming Elections Never More Important

The program for America is in the headlines, Invasion and election. Before the year is out these two events will have left their mark on every American home. In moments like these the history and the future of democracy is written with a pen of every citizen.

Around the stove in the country store, at the assembly lines in war factories and in city conference rooms, the nation is truly preparing for both events. Storming fortress Europe is going to be a bloody business. A precedent-setting Presidential election threatens to spill a lot of mud, if not blood.

The backwash of both invasion and election is likely to be a wave of uncontrolled emotions. Fear and selfish greed and bitterness will sweep the country. Then America will face her gravest danger in this war. For that mood our people will be open to subtle conquest by philosophies based on hate.

At this crucial time in the nation's life we need a counter invasion. Like tanks rolling across the lowlands of Holland and the fields of France, we need a new spirit rolling across

America. The answer to selfishness is a new spirit in every home, farm, factory and office.

That spirit must permeate our election. This year we will choose a President. There is also another choice before us. Will we choose to accept the seduction of our boys at the front? Then our decisions in the polling booth and in every issue of war and post-war adjustment will be made on a basis of what's right and who's right.

Rearmed in this way we can face both the invasion and election free from the emotions that divide and weaken. We will invade more than foreign soil. We will invade the thinking of the post-war world. We will choose more than a President. We will choose a future that has been worth fighting for.

Congratulations to City That Kept a Secret

March 21, 1944 marks the second anniversary since completion of the first M-7 by the American Locomotive Company of Schenectady, N. Y. The M-7 is a mobile 105 mm gun mounted on a tank chassis, which has been partly credited with the rout of Marshall Rommel's Afrika Korps by the British Eighth Army. The M-7, also known as the "tank killer" and "The Priest," was a closely guarded secret until December 28, 1942, when the Army gave its first official approval of publication of news concerning this secret weapon.

During the nine months of secrecy, 8,000 American Locomotive Company workers saw thousands of these weapons being produced under their eyes, and shipped to destinations then unknown to them. One of these destinations later proved to be the American battlefield, where General Montgomery launched his famous drive that has since kept the enemy on the run. It was the M-7, made in Schenectady, that helped to turn the tide of battle in favor of the Allies.

Meanwhile, the M-7 could not be concealed from the people of Schenectady. Workers and their families, local editors and radio commentators, garage mechanics and thousands of other citizens could plainly see the huge weapon as it rumbled through the streets of Schenectady on its way to the proving grounds. For there was no way to conceal them. Hundreds of them were in full view of the populace as they were loaded on flat cars for shipment.

Yet the whole city of Schenectady kept the Army's secret so well that the Germans were taken completely by surprise when these tank destroyers went out and stopped his famous mobile 88's.

Here is a story with a moral for the people in America, and one that should serve as a model in the effort of our Government to develop among the people of this country a greater sense of the importance of secrecy with respect to war production, troop movements, etc.

The citizens of Schenectady—100,000 Americans who knew the importance of keeping a secret—deserve the congratulations of all Americans for their loyalty and cooperation in such an important situation. March 31st is the day on which "The City That Kept a Secret" might well receive such congratulations. In behalf of all comrades in arms, The Bayonet extends such congratulations. Would that more of us could emulate such devotion to duty.

ROAD TO TRIPOLI
On the northern coast of Africa.
Where the sands meet with the sea.
There's a road that winds a westward way
From the Nile to Tripoli.

And I have traveled far along this road
Through the late-won battle ground.
And thoughtful in the wake of way
This is what I found:

Ghosts of men, ghosts of tanks,
Ghosts of a shattered town
Ghosts of guns trained on the sky
And ghosts of planes shot down.

Three times a day the road
Each time a trail of men and steel
Was added to the rest.

Tanks with scorched and swollen scars
Where bursting shells came through
Stand guard in the glare of the mock sun
O'er graves of a fighting crew.

Planes with noses deep in the earth
And their tails flung to the sky
Stand monument to a race of men
Who chose this way to die.

Grave yards of steel, grave yards of men,
I know not which are more.
I smile to think my plane and I
May be added to the score.

And through the roads of the world be mine
There's a road I shall always see
That ghostly road, that westward route
From the Nile to Tripoli.

PVT. JAMES J. GOSEN
Co. C, 77th Tank Battalion.

We hear about cold hearts. The truth is every body is warm-hearted. But too many of us keep this warmth wrapped entirely around ourselves.



"We've safed Europe from der Reds, Joff. Maybe we bet better go home now und safe Chernamy!"

USO Presents—

Concert, Brunch Clu^b, Blind Pianist, Movie On Vd Fican

By PFC. LOUISE WILHELM

The Fort Benning-Columbus Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the 8th Street USO, will be presented in concert Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the Children's School at the post. The program will begin at 3 o'clock.

The Cochran Field soldier review, "Red, White and Khaki," which was scheduled for next Wednesday at the 8th Street club, has been cancelled due to the injury of several members of the cast. The USO is now making arrangements with the Atlanta Little Theater to present a review at the club about the middle of next month.

The YWCA USO, 1425 3rd Avenue, has a new feature of interest to army wives. It's the Branch Club, which meets every Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Benning time. The programs will include music, dramatic skits, and open forums on subjects of interest to army wives. Members also will be on sightseeing tours. Wives of officers and enlisted men are eligible for membership in the club.

Edgar White, blind pianist who is an old favorite with Fort Benning GI's was now being presented at the Salvation Army USO, 1323 Broadway, on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He'll play requests for old or new songs, and anyone who feels like singing is invited to join in the informal song fest that always develops when Mr. White starts to play. His Sun-

A floor show and dance highlight the Saturday night entertainment at the Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street. The show will begin at 8 o'clock, and the 17th Infantry Orchestra will furnish music for dancing at 9.

The same group will play for the club's Tuesday night dance, also set for 9 o'clock.

Other dances at the regular Saturday night affairs at the 8th Street USO, with a 7th Armored Division orchestra, playing for dancing from 9 to 11:15.

True there are some who

will find in it nothing more than a Masterpiece of Literature, and no one can deny the fact that the Bible contains some of the very finest of poetry, prose and drama. But the Christian who accepts the teaching of Jesus Christ and follows His words, must accept the entire Bible as the inspired word of God.

He cannot accept some portions as being divinely given, while others are of human origin.

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God." 2 Timothy 3, 16.

54th with a nifty:—"The Mason Dixon line used to separate you-all from "useless guys."

Sgt. Tom McDonald has been

thinking in the Soda Shop that he's not trying to beat them out of some income when he brings his lunch in a paper bag, but that he's waiting for his boss, Col. Swampwater.

Judging from that pix of

"Spirits" (bulldog mascot of the regt.) on front page of 17th's paper the flesh is willing but "Spirits" is weak.

Sgt. Bill Beam of D company,

17th, expecting Purple Heart for

wound from firecracker on one of those problems recently.

And in the Cannon company

of the "Spirits" Regt., they claim that three of the

cooks, Corp., Redfield, Pfc.

Bingler and Pfc. Burton are

so tired of their own cooking

that they have sent for their wives!

My stockings are full of feet

and legs.

And the runs are a sight to see.

But I've spent all my money

buying bonds.

So please don't stare at me!

Reinie Cheesecake.

Kay Says—

Again She Goes Through Ordeal Of Packing Hubby Off To New Station

Now I begin to see why so many wives follow their husbands from post to post, putting up with inconveniences and discomforts when they could be comfortably ensconced in some fairly permanent place. Let them protest all they please that their want to be with their husbands as long as they possibly can; I know better. It's because after a few experiences watching some men pack, the simplest thing seems to be to go along and do their packing and unpacking for them.

Granted, some men excel in packing ability. They pack with precision and dispatch, with everything in its place and a place for everything. But there's many a man in this army's who's gotten by only because the little woman takes a hand, and heaven help him when he's finally out on his own and has to cram his clothes into an army locker.

We've just had such an experience in our family. Suddenly orders necessitated fast action, and after a day of frantic preparation and last-minute details, nothing remained but the ordeal of packing. This time my efficient husband was resolved to do his own packing, as he'd known where everything was when he had to unload. The army locker was dragged from beneath the bed, dusted off, unbundled of its load of odds and ends, and the packing started.

Ensued an hour of subdued footsteps overheard, muttering, increasing in volume, and finally an outburst of vigorous language to which our young son listened in

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

Surge Cites Cotton Gin As History-Changing

By S-Sgt. TOM McDONALD

This afternoon while Colonel Swampwater was in secret conference with his regimental staff, I decided to do a bit of reading. This seemed to be the most agreeable means of passing time since my colleague, Private Swampgrass, had been dispatched on a mission to obtain some poker chips.

Having a desire to take my mind off of the horrors of the present war, I checked out a book called, "Liberalism in the South" by Virginius Dabney of Richmond, Virginia. After reading a few chapters I was stimulated to mental activity. Any book that can accomplish that is quite a work. Mr. Dabney holds both an A.B. and M.A. as well as a Phi Beta Kappa key from the University of Virginia, one of the three highest rated universities in the south. He is now on the editorial staff of the "Richmond Times-Dispatch." Even though military progress is quite the vogue now, the latent civilian characteristics that I have, call forth my undaunted admiration for genuine scholarly attainments.

"Liberalism" he says, "is a body of doctrine which has as its center the principle of the dignity and worth of the individual." I resolved at this point to call Colonel Swampwater's attention to this quotation sometime in the near future. I hope that it may beget some impetus to Private Swampgrass' struggle for promotion to PFC.

Mr. Dabney applies the "liberal" doctrine honestly and fearlessly, without question-begging to the problems that have vexed the south. Beginning from the era of Thomas Jefferson, (1776-1830) even greater era.



Col. Swampwater's Masterpiece
—Home On Furlough

Mother and Daughter Serve in Woman's Army Corps

Most members of the Woman's Army Corps have proud mothers who admire them for volunteering for military duty. But in the Trueblood family of Indianapolis, Ind., it also works the other way—while Sgt. Frances M. Trueblood is serving in WAC Detachment Two, The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Sgt. Lola K. Trueblood, her mother, is serving in the Air WACs at Greenville, Miss.

The younger member of the Trueblood WACs was taking her basics at Daytona, Fla., in February, 1943, when her mother arrived and served with her until June. After WAC Trueblood is now a first cook while Infantry WAC Trueblood is a messenger and driver in the Automotive Section of The Infantry School. Both are line sergeants, a rating not commonly held in WAC units, and both have applied for overseas duty.

Sgt. Frances Trueblood, however, is not her first experience in what used to be called a "man's world." She has been a government inspector in a defense plant, qualified to handle precision and measurement instruments, and for eight or nine years before her enlistment she was a prominent semi-professional athlete, averaging better than three games a week, and both the first baseman on some of the best softball teams in the country.

BASKETBALL

As soon as she left the Park (Illinois) High school she signed up with the local Athletic club in Indianapolis as a basketball and sometimes playing as many as four or five games a week, she helped her softball team win third place in Indiana in 1939, and the state championship the following year.

In 1939 the Hoosier basketball five also won the Indianapolis title in a league crowded with 14 topnotch teams.

As a result of her record with Hoosier she graduated to the Illinois circuit, playing for two years with the Non-Bettors of

When the war became a serious matter for the serious-minded women of America, Trueblood gave up her semi-pro career and joined the WACs as a private in a defense school, took a civil service exam, and worked for a year as an inspector. In January, 1943, she reported for active duty with the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps and after finishing her basic training course became an instructor in second echelon mechanics at Dayton.

One of the highlights of her military career was the 150-mile convoy trip which the motor WACs and civilians had to make as a sergeant and a section leader. Trueblood was in charge of ten vehicles.

WAC SOFTBALL

While at Dayton, she played on the WAC softball team that won the WACs' title, and on two occasions. At present assigned to headquarters of the Auto-Mechanic Section expecting eventual appointment to the Academic Motor Pool, she is a member of the WAC Detachment Two softball team that is still active as soon as the weather permits. Since there are women's teams in Columbus and several WAC squads at Benning, it looks as if Trueblood will have a busy, athletic summer. This is until she achieves her first military ambition of traveling overseas.

"I want to travel before I settle down after the war," she says. "Service in the Woman's Army Corps has been a great experience above all. WACs will know better than civilian women exactly what the war was like and what the post-war world should be like."

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MOM'S IN THE ARMY TOO—Meet Sgt. Frances M. Trueblood, of Indianapolis, driver and messenger in the automotive section of the Infantry School, Fort Benning. Sgt. Lola K. Trueblood, her mother, is first cook in the Air WAC Detachment at Greenville, Miss. Sgt. Frances Trueblood was formerly a government inspector in a defense plant and is qualified to handle precision and measurement instruments, and for eight or nine years before her enlistment she was a prominent semi-professional athlete, averaging better than three games a week, and both the first baseman on some of the best softball teams in the country.

Captain Gets Silver Star As Wac Wife Looks On

Capt. James B. Lyle, an instructor in the Weapons Section of The Infantry School was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during a review by troops of the 176th Infantry at the Main Post. The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Charles C. Bonesteel, commanding general of the present M-176th Infantry at the Main Post. He was married to Sunshine Jacobs, upon his return from Italy, culminating a romance that began before he left for overseas duty. They reside at 2813 Beacon Street, Columbus, Ga.

Captain Lyle, was placed in command of two Ranger companies assigned the mission of occupying a coastal gun position on the high ground of the west edge of an invasion point in Sicily. Under cover of darkness, he led his forces to within 150 yards of this position at which point the force came under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Captain Lyle led a section of men around to a flank position and then straight into the enemy emplacement. Captain Lyle's good judgment and his leadership saved the lives of the enemy saved the loss of life implicit in a frontal attack, and resulted in the capture of two three-inch coastal batteries and one mortar battery. The capture of these positions was highly essential to the establishment of an anchorage and to the success of landing of the following waves.

Captain Lyle, whose home is in DeRidder, La., entered service in 1935, has served with the 9th Infantry in the 34th Division, the 135th Infantry and the 1st Ranger Battalion for which he volunteered.

He was graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1941 and was sent overseas in April of 1942. His outfit was with the first landing units in Africa in November, 1942 and also in Sicily in July of 1943. After the Sicilian campaign was concluded, his outfit landed with the first units at Mario, Italy in September of 1943. Shortly after this operation, he was stricken with malaria and contracted in Sicily and was sent to Africa, from where he was subsequently sent back to the States.

Of the enemies he faced, he reports: "The French, who we fought in the initial landings were poorly equipped but good fighters. The Italians were poor fighters and easy to cause to surrender. The Germans were highly trained soldiers."

Concerning his experiences, the one that stands out prominently occurred in Gela, Sicily where, in the thick of battle, the civilian population continued to move up and down the streets, driving for vantage points to view the opera-

Former Spirits Meet Again In New Guinea

Three former members of Company D of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School have met one another in New Guinea. Cpl. Stan Camars, Pfc. Joe Lucci, and Pvt. Nevitt Powell are the three former spirits.

In a letter from Cpl. Camars, Company D was informed of this happy occurrence. "After shaking hands with each other," said Cpl. Camars, "we all stood talking about old times with the good old 176th. Boy, it was great. We are all Paratroopers, starting out from different outfits while in the States, but ending up together on this side of the ocean. Yup, it was strange, since we all left Company D in different outfits. I am a Philadelphia boy, while Powell hails from Indiana.

"This place reminds me of A. P. Hill, only Washington isn't 50 miles away. I sure look forward to receiving the Spirit. I like to know what the gang is up to. Oh, and I have a copy

of the newspaper in my pocket, when I met up with the other boys, and showed it to them. They ate it up."

"We had a real old-fashioned 'bull session' using the Spirit as a guide. Well, give my regards to the old gang, and good luck."

The letter was signed by Cpl. Stan Camars.

Officers' Rental Allowance Simplified

Here's a good news for officers at Fort Benning. Starting next month, they will be another program in The Infantry School's "Thirteen Weapons of War" series. The story of the Infantry pistol will be told. Lt. Col. Charles H. Wilson, who advises The Infantry School's instruction in the pistol, will appear on the program.

Now all they have to do is to write in the name of that fellow he has to fill in detail.

"See Par. 19 AR 35-4220," it was announced today by Col. J. H. McCall, director of the fiscal division at Fort Benning.

STORY OF PISTOL AIRED

On Monday, March 27, 1944, on the WAC Atlanta radio program, "Saluting the Service," there will be another program in The Infantry School's "Thirteen Weapons of War" series. The story of the Infantry pistol will be told. Lt. Col. Charles H. Wilson, who advises The Infantry School's instruction in the pistol, will appear on the program.

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Bonesteel Commends 176th Five

An anti-climax to the victory of the 176th Infantry Spirits in the play-off for the Infantry School Basketball League championship was provided by Major General Charles H. Bonesteel, Commandant, who forwarded to Col. Edwin C. Coyle, commander of the regiment, the following commendation:

"I wish to extend my congratulations to the individual members of the 176th Infantry Regiment of having just completed a successful basketball season with the defeat of the Sixth Training Regiment's team, thereby winning the Infantry School Basketball Championship. Throughout the entire season, all members of the team have exhibited a continual high standard of teamwork, enthusiasm, training, physical stamina, and good sportsmanship, the most essential qualities for the modern soldier."

"The continued support and enthusiasm of the rest of the men in the regiment is further indication of the commendable spirit and loyalty of the regiment and contributed much to the success and motivation of the players. The coaching staff is also highly deserving of credit for their part in the development of a well-playing team."

"Please convey my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your regiment to all of your officers and men."

The Spirits played high grade ball in nailing down the Eagles. They trailed by 10 points at the half and then came surging back in brilliant fashion, to catch and pass their rivals. And when the Eagles started to regain the lead in the fourth period, the Spirits stood strong left to repeat the catch and pass performance, and establish a lead which they held through the finish.

Jim Weir played one of his finest games of the season. He stepped up in field goals and consistently set up for his mates. In addition, did a corking job defensively under the basket. Roy Stout and Walt Poland, the tiny guards, were particularly aggressive. Some defensive work was

one of the highlights of the game. Bernie Mehen, Dan Gabbianni and Milt Ticco stood out for the Eagles. The first sparked the opening period attack when the Eagles began to pick up a lead and then, in the middle of a pretty side court shot in the second period to hold the lead at half time to 21-17. Baric played steadily throughout and was impressive under the basket.

At an conclusion of the game, General Bonesteel presented team trophies to Capt. Frank Shannon, each of the Eagles, and to Lt. Kirk Geber, Spirits' coach. He also presented \$50 War Bonds to the men from each team, the player being selected as the most valuable member of his team. Those receiving bonds were: Mous of the Spirits; Cpl. Charles Bamberger of the Eagles; Cpl. John Baden; Cpl. Fred Barrett of the Academic Pros; Cpl. Ewell Buckwell of the 3rd STR Rifles; Pfc. Harvey Johnston of the 7th Armor Luckies and Cpl. Bob Lee of the 4th Training Regt. Spartans.

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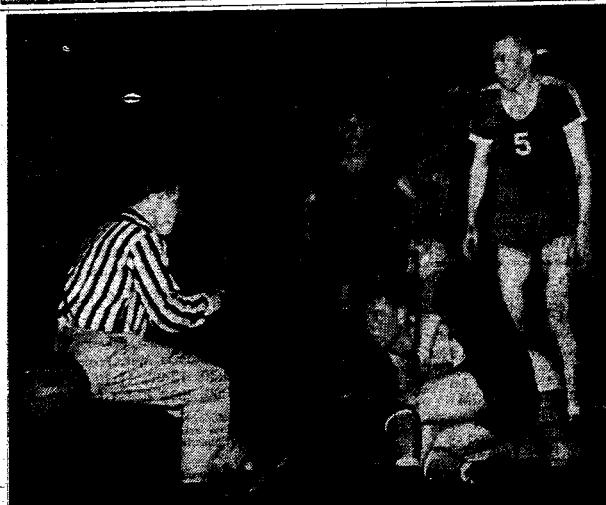


CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN—Shown across the top are the 176th Spirits who won the Infantry School court title last week in an exciting playoff series. Left to right, the victorious hoopsters are: Joe Thomas, Roy Stout, Walt Poland, Buck Konopsek, Bob Duffy, Sparky Sahara, Kirk Geber, George Petrik, Bob Waterfield, Harry Hales, Leo Phillips, Lonnie Lee, Leo Mogus, and Jim Weir. The three pictures below show the road to glory. At left, Walt Poland leaps in for a crucial field goal with Danny Gabbianni of the Eagles trailing him. In the middle, delirious Spirit fans and subs have mobbed little Roy Stout (number 12) who sank the winning field goal. At the right, Major General Charles H. Bonesteel, Infantry School commandant, is shown awarding the title trophy to Lieut. Kirk Geber, coach of the new champs. (Official Infantry School Photos.)

SPIRIT, THE CHOWHOUND: "Bring On The Next Dish"



Sgt. Ken Jackson



YOU FOULED HIM!—Pat Kelly, the referee who screams in anguish when a foul is committed, is shown pouncing on a play in the TIS-Spirits play-off for the Infantry School basketball championship. Leo Mogus (light jersey), of the Spirits, and Dan Gabbianni (dark jersey), of the Eagles, are on the floor after the ball (left) for which they were tussling squirmed out of their hands. A cok on surprise is Bernie Mehen (No. 5) and Milt Ticco (No. 7), both of the Eagles. Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School.

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Mgr. Bob Melzer Of 'Chute Five Rates Orchids

Perhaps you've often wondered who kept the score? Who looked after the equipment? Who made sure all the boys found out about the game? Who did a million and one other jobs that had to be done? Well, that's the question! We've got the answer in Sergeant Bob Melzer, who mothered The Parachute School quintet for the past year no matter where it went.

Bob is a tall, thin, quiet, cool guy and could have made the squad easily but rather than ride the bench he figured he'd do something more important so he took over the management job.

Over the year he's been

the quintet and "thankless" is a masterpiece of understatement.

From Macon to Augusta from August back to Fort Benning, wherever the team went, he was the scorer, Bob was the equipment manager, Bob was the guy who called up the girls, friend, mailed the letters, took care of the reservations, and saw to it that things went off smoothly.

In civilian life they call a fellow like this a Travelling Secretary. Here in the Army he's not a secretary but does all the work. On one occasion he doubled as a trainer. When Phil Nelson, one of the team's stars, injured a shoulder, Bob took over and did a little physical therapy. Nelson, Phil's shoulder was in tip-top shape in no time at all.

are fast, aggressive and good shots.

Add to these teams, the third team, for a squad of 15 players, and a basketball coach would have to worry much about losing many of his smashes and beautiful fielding.

Profs Schedule Practice Tills

The Prof nine will open their baseball season Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Gowdy Field in a seven-inning exhibition game with The Parachute School. A contest with the 3rd S.S. is also tentatively set for Saturday, April 14, at Gowdy Field.

The Academics, thus far, have been going through daily workouts, including Saturday, and are slowly getting into shape. "We're getting along fairly well," reports Coach Erwin Prasse, and Pitchers Dickinson, Rundus, Wissman and Bardin will have an opportunity to show their wares for an inning or so against the Gowdy Field team.

Pete Bardin, ex-TPS star of last year, would be best of all to "go to town" against his former teammates, but hard-hitting croniels such as "Shank" Hogan, versatile Ed Miller, and the rugged Hattfield, shortstop, and Ed Haller, heavy-hitting outfielder, will be doing their best to upset Pete's debut as a Prof hurler.

TPS' "CRIES BLUES" But Sgt. Bob Melzer, TPS pitcher, is also doing the blues" in regards to this year's TPS nine. "We only have Hogan, Haller and Hattfield from last year's team and we haven't had too much practice."

However, the paratroopers have a few of their own in Abner Doubleday's game—they played the Profs for the first half title last year and the Spirits for the second half post-crown—and are tough, tough competition for anyone.

As to the tentatively scheduled game with the 3rd STR, the Rifles are conceded to be one of the better clubs in TIS League competition. From all indications, it will be "dust" of a ball game with plenty of smashes and beautiful fielding.

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Owners Mourn Lost Parapup

"Rebel," a white-breasted cocker spaniel that had won its parachute boots, is missing from his Phenix City home and its owners are inconsolable.

"Rebel" belongs to Capt. and Mrs. R. K. Clark. Captain Clark is a paratrooper and "Rebel" has made the required five jumps to qualify as a paratrooper. His tiny parapup was made from a "chute that had become useless because of a tear, and after the first shock of finding himself hanging from the air, the dog didn't seem to mind it during his qualifying jumps.

"But he didn't yell 'Geronimo' when he leaped out of the plane."

Captain Clark is momentarily expecting an overseas assignment and would like to leave "Rebel."

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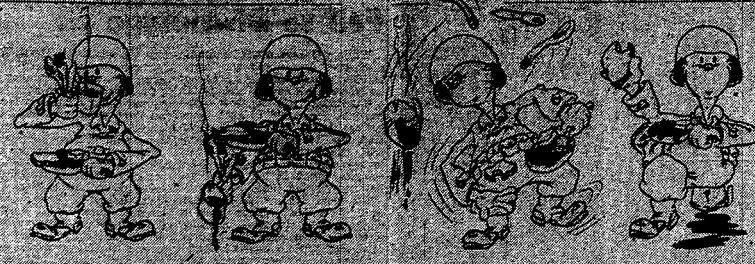
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TIS Officers Leave Benning

The departure of a number of officers of The Infantry School for new assignments was announced at School headquarters this week. Many officers with long periods of service at the School were among those transferred. It was indicated that another large group would receive similar orders in near future.

Col. John D. Armstrong, Lt. Col. John L. Althouse, John B. Furay, Virgil Ney, John M. Eddle, Lt. Col. N. Grimes and U. Parker, Fred W. Kushner, Harry Schowlsky, Robert E. Thompson, Hebert P. Dunlap, and Earl W. Hunting were among those to leave.

The bulk of those transferred were with the Officers Replacement Pool, although the Academic Department, The Infantry School, the 1st Student Training Regiment, the 300th Infantry Regiment, the 176th Infantry Regiment and the Third Student Training Regiment made contributions to the number.

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S-Sgt. Hubert H. George of Company H is shown manning the light machine gun with Pfc. William A. Swartz of Company I. S-Sgt. George 178th Infantry of the Infantry School appears on the cover of the *Infantry Journal*. This time it is Pfc. Swartz hails from Mercer, Georgia.

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Income Tax Man Too Busy To Make Out Own Return

Capt. John Inzer, designated as post income tax officer to help officers and GIs at Fort Benning with their income tax problems, worked until 12:30 a. m. on March 15, taking on long lines of soldiers who had delayed with their income tax forms until the last day.

Then he came to work at 8:30 a. m. on the fifteenth, and worked through until late in the day helping more long lines of soldiers who had waited until the very last day.

In fact, he had been doing that same thing for nearly two weeks—and when the last soldier had been helped out on the last day for filing tax returns—Captain Inzer sank back with a sigh of satisfaction over a job well done.

Then came the late awakening. You guessed it—he had been so busy with other people's tax returns that he had forgotten his own!

Girl Scout Council Announces Course in GS Leadership

The Girl Scout Council of Fort Benning announces a course of instruction for Girl Scout leaders which will be given by Miss Lottie C. Reed at the Girl Scout cabin April 22-24.

Miss Reed is a short term director with headquarters in Atlanta, and her services are available free of charge to all women who are interested in Girl Scout activities.

Anyone wanting more details may phone Mrs. F. J. Heraty, FB 2719, or Mrs. Edwin Cox, FB 2669.

TIS Wacs Stage Army Hour Show

Twenty members of The Infantry School WAC Detachment, Sec. I, appeared Sunday on the Army Hour Program at the Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street, in Columbus.

Because of line trouble due to the bad weather, the program could not be broadcast, but it was staged for the enjoyment of the audience at the club.

The show featured music, singing and a series of interviews with WACs whose parents were born in Georgia.

The entire show was directed by Cpl. Ann Cartilidge. The announcer was Cpl. Helen Hopp.

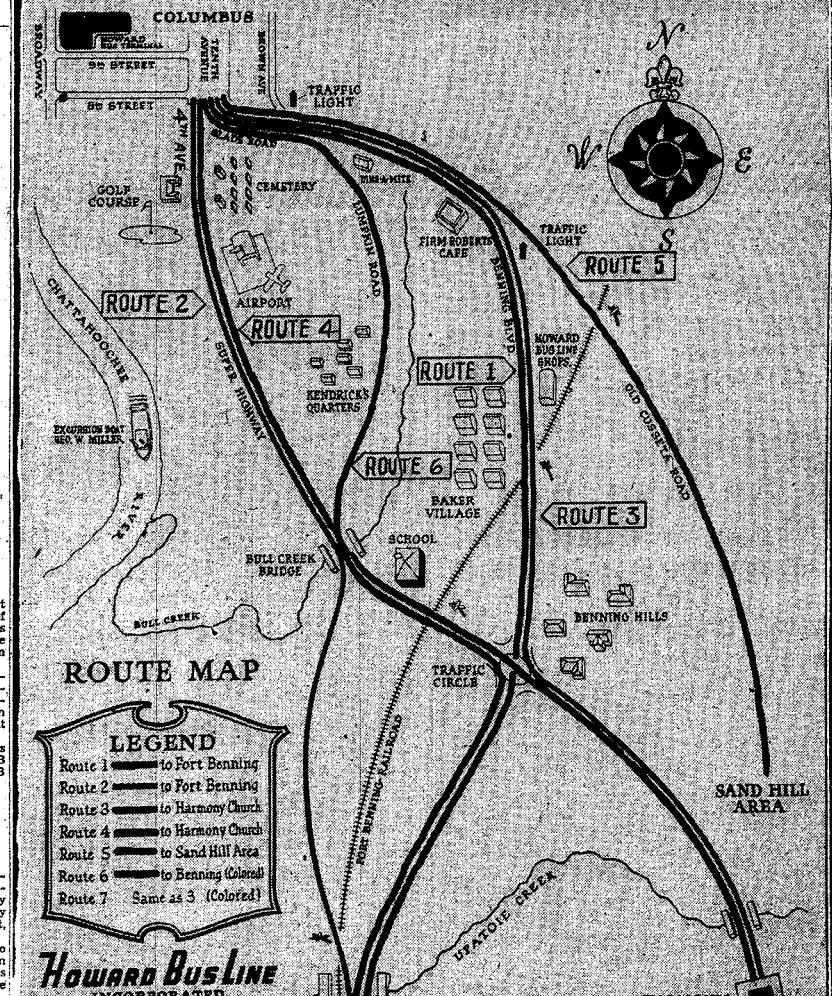
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Every Officer A Unit Censor Is Army's Aim

The necessity of censorship of mail from overseas as a means of preventing infiltration information from falling into the hands of enemy agents was stressed this week by Major H. C. Chapman, Jr., intelligence officer, in announcing a forthcoming new course on censorship of mail for Fort Benning.

Time and place of the new course part of the Army's program to make every officer an efficient unit censor of mail will be announced later. Major Chapman has been designated as lecturer for the course.

"Mail is not censored just to allow someone to snoop into the private affairs of members of our armed forces," Major Chapman declared. "On the contrary, it is strictly a security measure and a safeguard of the privacy and lives of members of our armed forces but also to keep vital military secrets from falling into the enemy's hands."

LETTER GOES ASTRAY

As an example of what can happen, the major cited the case of a letter mailed in the United States addressed to someone in Panama. When the letter was opened for perusal by the international censor in New Orleans weeks later, he was amazed to discover the official German censor stamp.

Through some accident, the letter had traveled all the way to Germany and back. Fortunately, it contained no military information.

"This is an exceptional case," the major added, "but it certainly shows that we can't be too careful in the way we handle mail. It is an excellent illustration of why we shouldn't put military information into personal letters."

Mail from American soldiers overseas passes through a number of different hands before it reaches the folks back home. First the company, battery, or squadron unit censor reads it. Then it goes to the base censor (camp or division). Here the work of the unit censor is spot checked by sending letters to make sure that a proper job of censoring is being done.

BLUE ENVELOPES

All blue envelopes and officer mail are censored by the base censor only. Frequently enlisted men will attach a small note to their letters which they do not read, in the hope that they will be read by their unit to read.

Consequently, the blue envelope is available for such letters—the unit censor merely sends the blue envelope, unopened, to the base censor.

After being approved by the base censor, the mail then goes to the regulating station where it is put in the proper channels for the United States mail or that of other countries. Upon arrival at the regulating station, it is sent to the proper APO or U. S. postoffice. A similar process is followed in handling mail to soldiers overseas except that censorship checking is done by the base censor. Checks to other civilians overseas is opened by the international censor.

PROHIBITED SUBJECTS

There are ten prohibited subjects soldiers can't write about when they are overseas.

1. Don't write military information of Army units—their location, strength, material, or equipment.

2. Don't write of military installations.

3. Don't write of transportation facilities.

4. Don't write of convoys, their routes (ports including ports of embarkation and disembarkation), time en route, naval protection, or war incidents occurring en route.

5. Don't disclose movements of ships, land or merchant, troops, or aircraft.

6. Don't mention plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or just your guess.

7. Don't write about the effects of enemy operations.

8. Don't tell of any casualty until released by proper authority.

(The Adjutant General) and then only by using the full name of the casualty.

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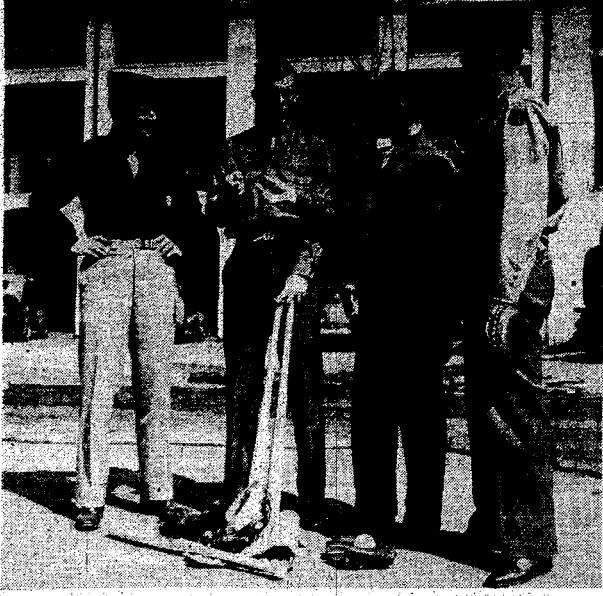
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BIRD LIVES OFF CACTUS

The southwest desert country's Gila woodpecker gets both food and shelter in the giant Saguaro cactus. It digs its nestling holes in the cactus walls; lives on cactus fruit and the insects which infest the plant.



THE ACADEMIC PROFS, with designs on The Infantry School Baseball League title, are setting their plans for the coming season. Participating in the first pow-wow (left to right) Lt. Davis L. Shirke, athletic and recreation officer; Lt. Erwin T. Prasse, who will coach the team, and Assistant Coaches S. Sgt. Benny Zientara and Pvt. Herb Bremer. (Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School)

THE JAPS AREN'T ALL SMALL — Pvt. Cecil E. Ross (left) and Sgt. George E. Cole, recently returned from the South Pacific for duty with the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, agree that they saw many Japs who were six feet tall or over. Most of them were members of the Imperial Marines, they said. And they were good shots—much better than the average Jap soldier. (Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School.)

Pacific War Vets Laud Infiltration Course Value

Smart tricks used by Jap snipers at camouflage, Ross recalls, that sometimes they were more than six feet tall, and the value of the infiltration course for men going into combat were some of the points discussed when two veterans of the Pacific campaign got together in the Academic Regiment.

Sgt. George E. Cole, of Campbridge, Mass., fought on Guadalcanal, and Pvt. Cecil E. Cole, who won the Purple Heart of wounds received in New Georgia, are among the scores of soldiers returning from overseas who have joined the Infantry School under the policy of rotation of troops.

"Most Americans believe that all Japanese are small," Sgt. Cole said, "but we saw many Japs who were more than six feet in height. Most of them were members of the Imperial Marines, their personal bodyguards. They were much better shots than the average Jap—wherever a man was killed by an Imperial Marine, he was found shot square between the eyes,"

The Japanese sniper seemed to know that he was on a suicide mission, Ross and Cole said. They always found the snipers tied to the trees. The only way they ever got a sniper down was to get the veterans ready, was to wound him and then go up and cut him down.

"They were always getting behind our lines," said Ross, who was an ammunition carrier for a machine-gun crew. "Often when we went back for ammunition we found the snipers had snaked through the lines and were waiting for us."

JAPS TRICKY — "At night they pulled all kinds of tricks to unnerve you and draw you in. They'd bear on their helmets, then shout to make you think they were fighting some of your men so you'd come to the rescue."

The inability of the average Jap to think for themselves when cut off from high command was one of the many surprising things they learned about the enemy.

"They don't seem to know what to do when their schedule is cut off," Cole recalls. "They would attack with their text-booked tactics, then their leaders, they are lost too—they were surprised to find that such was not the case with us."

"The American soldier is definitely independent," Cole added. "He can think for himself, while the average Jap can only obey orders."

But the snipers, the veterans warn, are not to be considered average Japs. They are picked men, superior in every respect, much better trained than the regular Japanese soldiers. They are

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Capt. Edwin A. Elliston, stand-

OC Saw Jap Fleet Defeat In Solomons

On the nights of November 13, 14, 1943, Frederic Stanton, former station master, stood on the shores of Guadalcanal and, through a 30-power telescope, saw history made in the gigantic naval battle which resulted in the destruction of the backbone of the Japanese Solomons fleet.

Now an officer candidate in the 28th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, Wicks declares:

"Word can't get across the spectrum that battle proved in the sinking of ships, the flares, the flash of guns and the noise."

Some inkling of what further was to take place was also witnessed by Wicks in his way to the country when he recalls, "I was lucky enough to ride on a B-24 and we passed over the Marshalls convoy. It did our hearts good to see, for the first time, an American force going to battle completely equipped with every weapon they needed. We knew then we saw it that nothing the Japs had in the Marshalls could stop that combination."

BOSTON SCRIBE

Wicks, who used to work as a reporter for Boston newspapers and as a copywriter for advertising agencies, entered the Army almost three years ago, on April 23, 1941. The following February, he arrived in the Marshalls. His outfit was among the first troops to land on New Caledonia which vital link in the line to Australia was rapidly sealed.

From New Caledonia, he moved to Guadalcanal and, there, he and the small party of his outfit, helplessly pinned to the beach.

Sgt. Bushemi was mortally wounded by shell fragments, but not before he took his last photograph on Henderson Field.

Within 200 yards of the Japs' "knee mortars," on one of the outfit, he recalls, using Field soldiers as scouts, the party put out of commission four Jap field pieces.

TEARS AND LAUGHTER

This is the reaction to the adventure of the Army outfit to Fort Benning. It was discovered by Captain Levinus L. Reid from the office of the director of Military Training, Army Service Forces, Washington, and Captain Helen S. Denton, of the Fourth Student Training Regiment.

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Native of Washington, D. C. Sgt. Scipio, up to midship studies at the Naval Academy, joined the Army. He had expected to return to college after expiration of his first enlistment term, but the three years that followed made him decide upon a military career instead.

Asked what he considered to be his greatest thrill as an Army man day comes,

When the 24th Infantry left Ft. Benning, Ga., for an overseas theater two years ago, one of its veterans, Master Sergeant Louis A. Scipio, was left behind. This was a sad day for Sergeant Scipio, who had hoped and hoped to end his Army career with the famed 24th in this new adventure on a fighting front.

Sgt. Scipio is nearing his thirtieth year in the army and asserts that he has never had a single occasion to regret his enlistment. Presently serving as first sergeant of Headquarters Company, which Captain Charles Houghtaling is commanding officer, the Reception Center.

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The visiting officers were high in their admiration of the work of the WACs here and of their smart military appearance. They also expressed themselves as impressed by the ingenuity shown by the WACs in arranging and decorating their mess halls with the excellence of the mess men's wives.

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At present, however, there are no vacancies for warrant officers, and interested WACs should not apply at this time, according to Chief Warrant Officer J. D. Beck, assistant adjutant at Fort Benning.

Information will be published regarding methods of filing applications, time and place of qualifying examinations, etc., Mr. Beck said.

ing an advanced course in the 2nd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, spent a recent week-end at Fort Gains and reports the following: "I was standing on a street corner when an ancient Model T Ford sailed into the intersection and attempted to make the turn. It was no go. It balanced precariously on two wheels for an instant, then tipped over on its side and finally skidded to a halt.

Initially reviewing my 'First Aid,' continues Captain Ellison, "I rushed to the scene of the accident. As I arrived, expecting to remove the mangled remains, a tall colored soldier ran up the steps, shouting, 'Get out of the car door. The first person I saw was me, an officer.'

"He didn't even hesitate. Standing in the middle of his wretched car he threw me a snappy salute and said, 'Sorry, sir, to be out of uniform, ma's standin' on me car cap!'

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